

Docket No.: 4619-009



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Francis VANDERBIST : Confirmation No. 7736  
Application No. 09/424,247 : Group Art Unit: 1615  
Filed: November 30, 1999 : Examiner: Retford O. BERKO

For: DRY POWDER INHALER EXCIPIENT, PROCESS FOR ITS PREPARATION AND  
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING IT

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

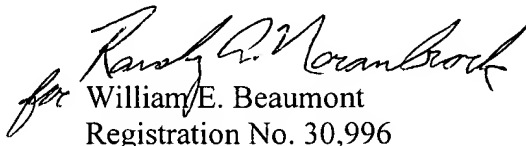
Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated October 5, 2004 for 3 months from January 6, 2005 to April 6, 2005.

A check to cover the cost of the extension is attached. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No.: 07-1337.

Respectfully submitted,

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